



## Rodney Friend

May 22, 1953 - July 3, 2024

Rodney Friend, 71, of Bloomington, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Rodney was born on May 22, 1953 in Jacksonville, Florida, to Spencer and Frances Friend. The family moved to Seymour, Indiana soon after his birth. Rodney married his high school sweetheart Jodie Speckner Friend in 1972. After being a Bloomington business owner for many years, Rodney pursued his passions for aviation (earning his IFR rating) and photography with enthusiasm and great joy. Rodney believed people were capable of doing hard things and he tried something new and challenging every day, while encouraging his loved ones to do the same. Ever curious and a lifelong learner, Rodney was often found researching various topics and sharing his newfound knowledge with others. He will be deeply missed.

Survived by his spouse of 52 years, Jodie Friend; siblings Raymond (Neila) Friend, Joyce (Bill) Chasteen, and Keith (Deb) Friend; sisters-in law Sue Koop, Julie (Kenny) Klein and brother-in-law Mike (Maryse) Speckner; beloved nieces and nephews and their families, Andy (Ashley Howell) Koop, Jon (Sarah) Koop, Abby Koop (Matt Caldie), Eric (Lauren) Speckner, Vince Speckner, Kyler (Laine) Klein, Kelsi Klein, Victor (Carolyn) Friend, Mark (Lee Ann) Friend, Brian Friend, and Jodi (Shane) Friend. Jodi gave Rodney the tremendous gift of life by donating a kidney to him ten years ago. He was predeceased by his parents and nephews Vincent Chasteen and Darian Chasteen and brother-in-law Warren Koop.

There will be no services at this time. A remembrance celebration will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the IU Transplant Surgery Research Fund at <https://give.myiu.org/iu-indianapolis/l380010078.html> .

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ One of my best friends and a friendship anyone would cherish. Many fond memories of our time together throughout our school days. Having known his family is a great blessing as well. Condolences to Jodi and family. He will be missed, but never forgotten.  
Larry Hudson

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**Larry Hudson** - July 10, 2024 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ Sorry for the loss of Rodney. I grew up with Rodney and his family in Reddington. I have alot of memories from when we where kids. The whole family were great neighbors. Take care and our thoughts are with you. Danny and Teddi Ashcraft

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**Danny Ashcraft** - July 10, 2024 at 01:15 PM

HW

“ Jody, I was so sad to read about this. I hadn't talked with him for a few years now but thought he was doing well. I remember you both as neighbors a LONG time ago and being wowed at his photography "hobby". Then looked at how that all morphed into bigger stuff. Time passes by way too fast. I'm glad he and you were able to enjoy retirement doing things you both liked to do. Will be praying for you. Take care.

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**Henry Wichman** - July 08, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KB

“ I'm very sad to see this. I did work for Rodney and Jodie off and on over the years until I moved from B-town 9 years ago. Rodney was just a great guy and a good person. I always felt better after a visit with Rodney (and Jodie too!). I wish I had stayed in touch more. Of course, I would think of Rodney from time to time and would just smile. Thank you Rodney Friend for making my life better for knowing you. Safe travels, we're right behind ya. Kevin L Bazur, NYC.

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Kevin L Bazur - July 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM